

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
1416 Ninth Street  
P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

**PROJECT TITLE:** Replace Front Steps on Fisher-Hanlon House

**LOCATION:** Benicia Capitol State Historic Park

**COUNTY:** Solano

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Replace the front steps on the historic Fisher-Hanlon House at Benicia Capitol State Historic Park. Pressure treated wood will be used for the stringers, and hidden from view. The visible portions will use clear grain Douglas fir or similar tight grained wood, and primed and painted with oil-based paint for longevity. The existing balusters and railing will be repaired, cleaned and repainted. There are no project modifications to the stairway that can enhance accessibility while preserving the historic fabric of the structure.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Diablo Vista District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section: )  
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 31      Section: 15301, 15331

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consist of the maintenance, repair and minor alteration of an existing public structure involving no expansion of use beyond current levels and the maintenance of a historical structure in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer and is included as "activities affecting historic resources, consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4..

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